



## CROWN OF THE CONTINENT FROM BROWNING, MONTANA

This driving tour accompanies the Crown of the Continent MapGuide. Log on to [visitmt.com/national\\_parks/glacier](http://visitmt.com/national_parks/glacier) for your MapGuide.



Mountain goat grazing in  
Glacier National Park

### DAY 1: MANY GLACIER

Using this Crown of the Continent itinerary, visitors arriving from the east can access Glacier via Browning. Spend the remainder of your travel day in and around Many Glacier, one of the most popular areas in Glacier Park. The razor-sharp mountains are literally right in front

of you and a glacier (one of few remaining) is practically in your back pocket via a moderate day hike.

The area makes a fine base for several days of hiking, canoeing and horseback riding. The convenience of Red Bus tours and shuttles makes driving optional. One hike that typifies the area is Iceberg Lake. This trail crosses alpine meadows before dropping into a cirque. The aqua blue lake contained within holds ice year-round. Be on the lookout for mountain goats and marmots that share the trail with you.

If you have time, and a passing interest in geology, Grinnell Glacier is a must. Park naturalists lead several hikes daily. Grinnell Glacier reached its peak size during a mini ice age in the 1800s. Because of warming trends, walking on the glacial ice is no longer recommended.

In the evening, bask in a sunset that seems endless. Then, try to catch an evening presentation by a Blackfoot tribal

member. The seamless blend of legends, stories and history provides a fresh perspective on the park's meaning to native people. Another alternative is singer/songwriter David Walburn's nightly show (except Sundays) in the Many Glacier Lodge. The show combines colorful narrative and Americana-tinged flavor in a style that can only be described as uniquely Montanan.

For additional Many Glacier highlights, visit [glacierparkinc.com](http://glacierparkinc.com) or call (406) 892-2525.



Many Glacier Hotel in Glacier National Park



Spectacular views in Glacier National Park

### IF YOU GO:

National Park Service • (406) 888-7800 • [nps.gov/glac](http://nps.gov/glac)

Glacier Park, Inc. • (406) 892-2525 • [glacierparkinc.com](http://glacierparkinc.com)

Many Glacier Activities • (406) 892-2525  
[glacierparkinc.com/Activities](http://glacierparkinc.com/Activities)

### CROWN OF THE CONTINENT MAP HIGHLIGHTS:

Many Glacier Hotel • (406) 892-2525 • [glacierparkinc.com](http://glacierparkinc.com)

Grinnell Glacier Hike • (406) 888-7800 • [nps.gov/glac](http://nps.gov/glac)

### EATS:

Dining options listed below are centrally located in Many Glacier proper. Call (406) 892-2525 for more information. When inquiring, specify Many Glacier.

The Ptarmigan Dining Room • Window views of towering peaks add alpine atmosphere to your power lunch.

The Interlaken Lounge • Fabulous fondue daily. Three Cheese Swiss or Whisky Chocolate are favorites.

Heidi's Snack Shop • Okay, we're recommending a snack shop. You'll understand after trying the huckleberry yogurt.

### SLEEPS:

Many Glacier Hotel • (406) 892-2525 • [glacierparkinc.com](http://glacierparkinc.com)  
From \$135, historic 1915 hotel with panoramic views of nearby Grinnell Point and Mt. Henkel.

Swiftcurrent Motor Inn • (406) 892-2525 • [glacierparkinc.com](http://glacierparkinc.com)  
From \$124, cozy accommodations, perfect for the hiker, photographer or family.

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### DAY 2: GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

You'd be hard pressed to find a more scenic drive in the lower 48 than Going-to-the-Sun Road. A wilderness of lakes, towering peaks and remnants of glaciers are readily accessible off road or on. *(This is a seasonal road. It is suggested that visitors check road conditions when planning their trip.)*



Wildlife in Glacier National Park

There are numerous ways to navigate the park's 52-mile thoroughfare. Following is a quick to-do. Feel free to improvise or follow the path less taken. Whatever you do, make time for St. Mary Lake. The lakeside Sun Point trailhead is a veritable "peak-finder." Nine peaks are visible from here, including Going-to-the-Sun Mountain at 9,942 feet. Boat tours of the lake set out several times a day from the

Rising Sun complex. The sunset cruise is top notch, but then again, every Glacier tour has something to offer.

The road continues to climb to Logan Pass at 6,700 feet. The Visitor Center at Logan Pass features alpine-zone plant and animal exhibits. A variety of trails are easy to access from there, as well. Hidden Lake Overlook is a three-mile round-trip hike through alpine meadows frequented by marmots, ptarmigan and mountain goats. The Highline Trail is another hike that really doesn't feel like a hike. The fairly level terrain, above-timberline views and occasional bighorn sheep sightings help with that.

After enjoying leisurely outdoor pursuits, hop into the car and coast down the other side of the mountain and witness the Weeping Wall. If you have kids in tow, Trail of the Cedars is a perfect hike. The one-mile boardwalk path cuts through an old growth forest of western red cedar and hemlock. Next, check out Lake McDonald Lodge for a local microbrew or lemonade. Grizzly bear hides are draped over balcony railings, hunting trophies are virtually everywhere and pictographs drawn by Charlie Russell adorn the massive walk-in fireplace. An evening stay would be recommended. Or, West Glacier's historic Belton Chalet is another great overnight option. Fine dining, spa and other comforts call to mind its elegant history as Glacier's first Great Northern Railway hotel.

For additional Going-to-the-Sun Road highlights, visit [nps.gov/glac](http://nps.gov/glac) or call (406) 888-7800.

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Glacier Park, Inc. • (406) 892-2525 • [glacierparkinc.com](http://glacierparkinc.com)

West Glacier Village • (406) 888-5662 • [westglacier.com](http://westglacier.com)

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Lake McDonald Lodge • (406) 892-2525 • [glacierparkinc.com](http://glacierparkinc.com)

Going-to-the-Sun Road • (406) 888-7800 • [nps.gov/glac](http://nps.gov/glac)

Glacier Park Boat Co. • (406) 257-2426  
[glacierparkboats.com](http://glacierparkboats.com)

### EATS:

Dining options listed below are centrally located in Lake McDonald proper. Call (406) 892-2525 for more information. When inquiring, specify Lake McDonald.

Russell's Fireside Dining Room • With all the hunting trophies displayed, it's no surprise that the menu leans toward wild game.

Jammer Joe's Grill and Pizzeria • A family-friendly, all-you-can-eat pasta, pizza and salad bar.

### SLEEPS:

Lake McDonald Lodge • (406) 892-2525 • [glacierparkinc.com](http://glacierparkinc.com) • From \$114, as long as you're cool with shoreline accommodations nestled along the park's largest glacial lake.

Belton Chalet • West Glacier • (888) 235-8665  
[beltonchalet.com](http://beltonchalet.com) • From \$145, a touch of the elegant past, with dining room, taproom and spa.

Village Inn at Apgar • (406) 892-2525 • [glacierparkinc.com](http://glacierparkinc.com)  
From \$120, a quaint 1950s motor inn on Lake McDonald with stunning views.



Wild Goose Island, St. Mary Lake, Glacier National Park

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Red Jammer Bus tour  
of Glacier National Park

### DAY 3: GLACIER TO CHIEF MOUNTAIN

Today, you'll return to Browning, skirting Glacier's southern edge. As you head east on Highway 2, watch for the Walton Goat Lick pulloff. Mountain goats perpetually graze and lick the mineral-laden rock of an exposed river bank cliff at this site.

Down the road is Essex, home of the historic Izaak Walton Inn, which once housed winter snow removal crews for the Great Northern Railroad. Today, it's enjoyed by railroad buffs and the skinny ski crowd alike. The inn is a well-known stop for lunch and a perfect lodging stop if you decide to stay an extra day.

From East Glacier, stop in Browning. The exhibits of cultural artifacts at the Museum of the Plains Indian are considered by many to be some of the finest in the West. The Blackfeet Heritage Center and Art Gallery and the Lodgepole Gallery and Teepee Village feature traditional and contemporary arts. During the second week in July, North American Indian Days are held at the powwow grounds behind the museum. Dancing, drumming, teepees and rodeo action round out the breathtaking scene.

Depending on your travel plans, you may want to take Highway 89/287 south. Charming small towns like Dupuyer, Choteau and Augusta along the Rocky Mountain Front are well worth a stop. Highways 89, 287 and Interstate 15 connect you to a variety of Montana destinations.

For additional highlights in and around Browning, log on to [browningmontana.com](http://browningmontana.com)

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Glacier Park, Inc. • (406) 892-2525 • [glacierparkinc.com](http://glacierparkinc.com)

#### CROWN OF THE CONTINENT MAP HIGHLIGHTS:

Browning • (406) 338-2344 • [browningmontana.com](http://browningmontana.com)

Glacier Park Lodge • (406) 892-2525 • [glacierparkinc.com](http://glacierparkinc.com)

Izaak Walton Inn • (406) 888-5700 • [izaakwaltoninn.com](http://izaakwaltoninn.com)

Goat Lick Overlook • [izaakwaltoninn.com](http://izaakwaltoninn.com) or inquire locally

#### EATS:

Great Northern Dining Room, Glacier Park Lodge  
West Glacier • (406) 892-2525 • A complete dining experience featuring classic comfort food favorites with a Montana twist.

Bison Creek Restaurant • East Glacier Park  
20722 Hwy. 2 W. • (888) 226-4482 • Edna's country fried chicken, local fish favorites and steaks highlight the menu.

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